

numerous notification methods and features, wherein the subscriber is capable of selecting one or more schemes for delivering an alert with respect to an incoming emergency message at the terminal. Exemplary emergency notification options include: audio announcements 709-1, video announcements 709-2, email transmission 709-3, facsimile transmission 709-4, data transmission involving banner screens 709-5, graphics windows 709-6, and the like. The emergency notification alert mode 708 is operable with multiple notification device options 710 for effectuating the message delivery. Exemplary notification device options include: primary terminal 711-1, fax machine 711-2, home computer 711-3, office computer 711-4, pager or beeper 711-5, TV or other entertainment equipment 711-6, personal digital assistant (PDA) 711-7, mobile phone 711-8, office phone 711-9, and any secondary home phones (not explicitly referenced in this FIG.), and the like. A plurality of emergency notification scheduling and delivery options 712 are also available for further customizing emergency message delivery based on subscriber preferences and restrictions. Such options may include time-based options 713-1 (e.g., time-of-day), severity-based options 713-2 (e.g., emergency messages relating to a natural disaster of a particular magnitude may be selected to be delivered to the subscriber's pager regardless of restrictions), select user list options 713-3 (e.g., emergency messages generated by the subscriber's family